

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 21, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing. Councilman Smith asked if the money was being moved from EMS to TIF. Copley said no this was to appropriate more in the EMS line items and more in the TIF line items to take them out of the red. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Board of Works voted to terminate a probationary employee that failed a drug test. The employee was on the Community Corrections program. The department will be taking applications for a replacement.
2. The Board of Works voted to change our employee retirement plan from Lord Abbott to John Hancock due to Lord Abbott no longer meeting government requirements. Pavey said John Hancock also has more flexibility for the employees.
3. The Board of Works approved the Police Department reimbursement agreement with a set amount of \$13,599.00. It will be pro-rated over 3 years.
4. Pavey thanked Council for the list of questions regarding the County ambulance service. He will put together a list of all questions.
5. We received a thank you note from Martinsville regarding the Carol Davis Jenkins dedication.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he has heard several good comments on Christmas on Main.

There was a good group at the Veteran's Day program. He said people are noticing the downtown improvements.

He attended the ECDC town hall meeting. There was a lot of good information.

Mayor Pavey handed out a copy of the transcript of the public meeting on the Cherry Street right of way public hearing

Bridges said he received a concern from someone that purchased a home at Blue Ribbon that it was very dark at night. He informed them that the City is working on the issue. Pavey said he has not heard from Verlin Custer, but he has the Information from Duke. He will try to contact Custer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said they continue to pick up leaves.

Park – Director Burklow said they have been winterizing and are still doing some mowing.

Bridges thanked Burklow for providing a podium for the Veteran's Day program.

Animal – Warden Moran said she is taking applications for part-time help until November 30th.

The shelter is currently at maximum capacity.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out a Toys for Tots flyer. He said any contribution would be appreciated.

He said 7 or the 12 properties have been approved for the BEP. The next step will be the closings.

Shelly Wakefield has been working on a new fire prevention ordinance. The last one was done in 1988.

Police – Chief Tucker said the new hires have passed the medical evaluations. We are waiting on approval from Perf.

The department is currently doing an operation pullover blitz through December 3rd.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

1. **Ordinance 2017-31 Zoning Amendment Off Street Parking** – A public hearing was held by the plan commission. They gave a favorable recommendation. This eliminates mandatory off street parking for the central business district. Berkemeier said we need a uniform plan for parking downtown. After lengthy discussion Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-31. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with Smith voting “nay”.
2. **Ordinance 2017-32 Zoning Amendment Landscaping & Screening Requirements** – The plan commission held a public hearing and gave a favorable recommendation. This does not require landscaping for new development in the central business district per Shelly Wakefield. After lengthy discussion Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-32. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Smith and Cameron voting “nay”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2017-33 Establishing Property Owner Responsibility for Sidewalks** –Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2017-33. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Contract and Application – Contract for Concessions, Sales Booths, and Exhibits** – Smith moved to approve the contract and application subject to striking “deputy”. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2017-34 Amending Chapter 130.04 Regulation of Noise within the City** –Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-34. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Conner voting “nay”.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2017-29 – Additional Appropriations TIF & EMS NR** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2017-29. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2017-30 Utility Wages 2018** – Les Day said the ordinance consisted of a 1% increase, plus a certification raise of 1.00 per hour and \$150.00 bonus for a certification. There was discussion on how many times the city pays for the employee to take the test for certification. Smith said he would like to request the utility board to look at this issue. Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2017-30. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **ServLine Insurance Update** – Day said the wastewater portion of the insurance is included. Smith asked if the waste water line going out was included. Day said it was included.
4. **Resolution 2017-35 Transfer Police Department** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-35. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Update on Replacement of Police Car – Request for Equipment Purchase** – Chief Tucker said they have received the insurance check for equipment. He said all funds are now in place. Cameron moved to approve the purchase of the equipment. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Cherry Street (PH III-IV) and Morgan Street Applications** – Letters were signed for the LPA's.

CLAIMS: Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey handed out copies of the trash RFP's for Council's review.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.